

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS!

We are so glad you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today! We would love to know that you were with us. Please fill out this slip, detach it, and drop it in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Name(s)

Street Address

City/State/ZIP

Phone

Email

I would like to become a member

I would like to become involved in a ministry or mission

I would like the pastor to call me

MEMBERS

List each person present and update any info

Name(s)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Austin, Wade & Brenda Church, Margaret Cooper, Brenda Dale, Jim Day, Amy DeSouza, Charles Drum, Hal Emery, Jimmy Epley, Kyson Farley, Ronnie Farley, Craig Freas, Charles Gambill, Terry & Anne Garwood, Cade Gibbs, Jennifer Gibby, Troy Harmon, Sherry Harrold, Kay Hayes, Kimberly Hughes, Francoise Hughes, Shannon Hughes, **Family of Max Joines**, Mark Johnson, Max Joines, Brenda Kilby, Pam King, Tom Kinlaw, Barbara Kitchen, Aislynn Ladouceur, Bubby McEntire, Janice McHolland, Joe McMillan, **Ricky Moretz**, John Nobles, Glenda Pierce, Adam Randolph, Debbie Reeves, Mary Jane Rich, James Rizoti, Mary Sallie Styers, Gerald Stierwalt, Mary Summerford, Family of Keith Summerford passing of his Sister-in-law, Amber Thornton, Donnie Thornton, Bob Taylor, Lee Tedder, Kim Tetzlaff, Cecil Walters, TA. Welborn, **Dorothy Wilcox**, Edgar Wilcox, Derrick Wilson, Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, Ernie Winslow, Family of Randall Woodruff, Gavin Young, Hispanic neighbors, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, for God to bring Peace, for the hearts our president and our country's leadership to be "strangely warmed" with God's love, those affected by storms, our unhoused.

SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES: Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), Cathy Freeman (Harmony at Brookberry Farm/Winston), David Freeman (Rose Glen Village), Wanda Garwood (Rose Glen Village), Barbara Groce (Wilkes Assisted Living), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson) and Rosie Shepard (Rose Glen Manor)

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF

TODAY	Join us for Sunday School at 11am
TUESDAY	Coffee with Karen at Anchor Coffee at 10am.
WEDNESDAY	No Bible Study
FRIDAY	Join the Friday Night Foodies at 5pm today at Cagney's for dinner.

STAFF and LAY SERVANTS

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SOUND TECH:	John Mabry		
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KEENAGERS: (>50)	Let us know if God is calling you to lead this vital ministry.		
MEMBER CARE	Jan Taylor		j.kay.tay@gmail.com

GENERAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES

2/16/2026 TITHES & OFFERINGS: \$ 37,006 EXPENSES: \$ 36,350



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SHARE * COMFORT * EMBRACE

LOVE
THAT WILL
NOT LET
US GO

A Lenten Series

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERED IN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Enter to Worship

Kneel to Pray

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Rise to Serve

10:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the days feel long and the road feels empty,
When hunger rises and patience wears thin-
We turn toward the Love that will not let us go.

When voices whisper, "Prove yourself," "Take control,"
"Choose the easier way"--
We remember we are already held in God's steadfast love.

In wilderness and weariness, in doubt and in decision-
God is our shelter and our strength.
Held in Love, we stand strong in faith.

HYMN *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

UMH 269

INVOCATION

PSALTER 772

PSALM 32

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 4:1-11 (NRSV)

ANTHEM On Eagle's Wings

Wagner

SERMON Held in Love – Strong in Faith Rev. Karen H. Roberts

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

PRAAYER CONNECTIONS

Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive it, and it will be so for you."

- Mark 11:24 (CEB)

We believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer concern that you would like for the church and/or the pastor to pray with you about, please let us know by writing it down on the slip below and dropping it in the offering plate.

Check here to have your prayer request shared with the church. Otherwise, it will remain confidential.

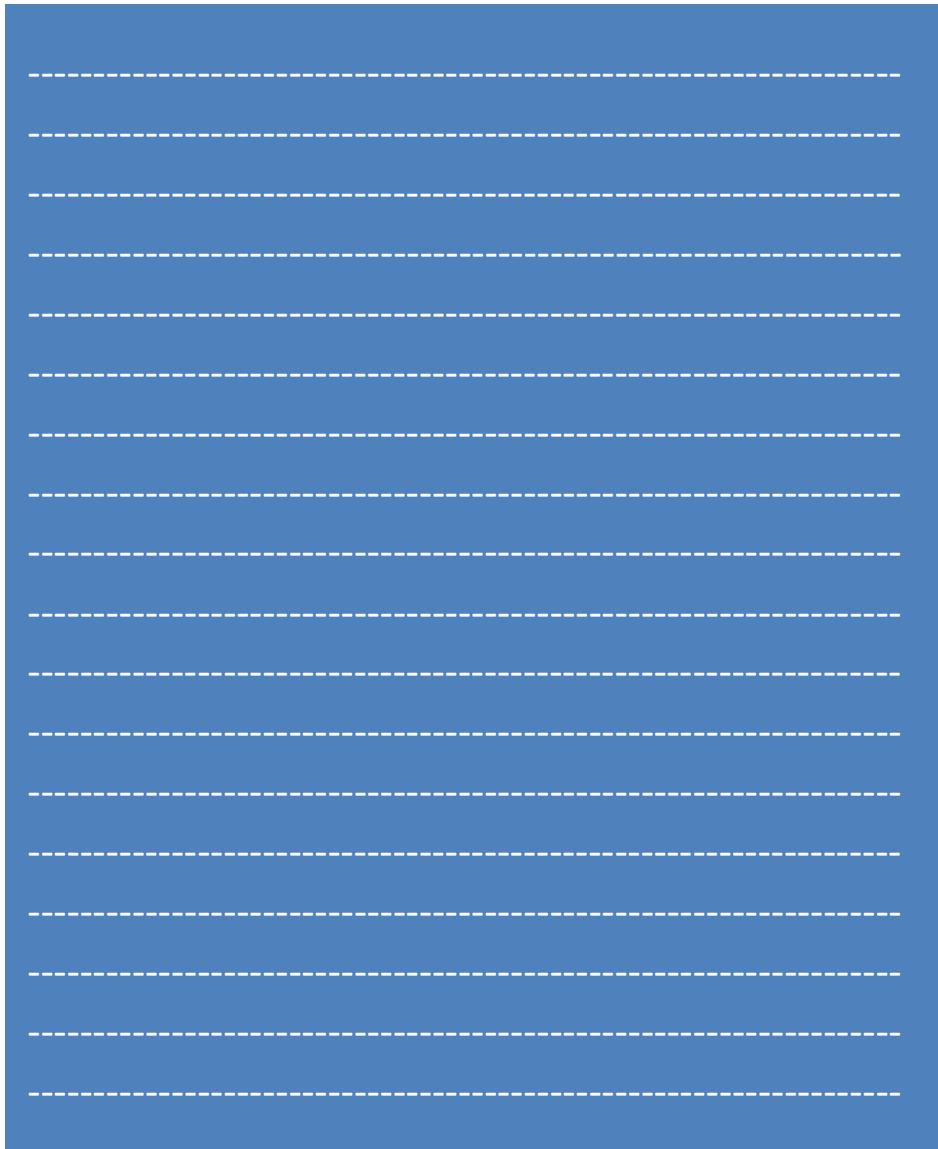
Use the space below to list any requests for more information about events or to provide additional place this slip in the offering plate.

We are in the process of updating our church member data base. Please update your birthday(s) and anniversary in this space.

Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV)

1. Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " 11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

SERMON NOTES



Easter Lily Order Form

Honor or remember a loved one by adding an Easter Lily to the sanctuary decor. Complete your order below with payment and place in the offering plate today or give to the church office by March 23rd

Cost = \$30 ea.

In Memory of



Given by

Quantity: ____ Total Pd: ____

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